

Chairman's Annual Report

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Tidworth Area Board Annual Meeting

19th July 2010

Welcome

Since its launch on 6th July 2009, the Tidworth Area Board has met six times, giving opportunities for local people to hear presentations on current topics and updates from our main partner organisations, news on issues raised by the community and current consultations where people can have their say.



The Area Board's work is wider than running meetings every two months. These meetings are important because they give local people a chance to be part of decisions made about issues in their area but the Community Area Manager (Val Powley) and the three elected councillors (myself - Councillor Chris Williams, Councillor Mark Connolly and Councillor Charles Howard) work with officers of Wiltshire Council and other organisations to resolve local issues and develop ideas for improvements. We attend meetings, have discussions with partners, town and parish council representatives, the Tidworth Community Area Partnership, other organisations and local people to solve problems and bring improvements to the area.

GRANTS - The Board operates a Community Area Grant Scheme and has approved 16 grants for local projects totalling over £28,000 in 2009/10 and is keen to encourage more community

groups to come forward with new grants during 2010/11.

These 16 projects ranged from support for community radio to provision of equipment for a pre-school group, a newly formed youth club and several other community groups; repairs to community buildings and their equipment and one addition of toilet facilities; materials for workshop events for local people with disabilities and a project for young people to learn how to restore bicycles and bring them back into use.

ISSUES - The Tidworth Area Board has received 29 issues through the online issues system and through the post during the year and more are coming in each week. 19 of these have been closed as the issue has been resolved or passed to the relevant department for action. Others are still in progress. The person lodging the issue and the Area Board are kept up to date with progress regularly.

FUTURE MEETINGS – We have a full programme of meetings planned, every other month, starting 20th September. We welcome ideas for future agenda items or discussions and will be interested to know what other issues you have, so that the Area Board can help to resolve them.

Chris Williams, Chairman
Tidworth Area Board